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EXDIS, DISTRIBUTE AS NODIS; FROM THE SECRETARY FOR ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (ATHERTON, ALFRED L., JR.)

SUBJECT: ATHERTON TALKING POINTS FOR TALKS IN SAUDI ARABIA AND JORDAN
RABAT FOR SAUNDERS
REF: USNATO 7096

1.I HAVE GONE OVER YOUR TALKING POINTS PAPER FOR SAUDI ARABIA. IT IS A GOOD PAPER, BUT I THINK YOU SHOULD BE A BIT MORE GUARDED IN CERTAIN OF YOUR COMMENTS. FOLLOWING ARE MY CHANGES:

A) IN SECTION HEADED "OBJECTIVES", FIRST SENTENCE OF (C) DELETE CLAUSE "INCLUDING THE PUTTING FORTH OF US SUGGES-TIONS".

B) DELETE IN THEIR ENTIRETY SECOND AND THIRD TICKS UNDER
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SECTION HEADED "BRIEFINGS ON LEEDS TALKS" (BEGINNING RESPECTIVELY "AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY EXPLAINED..." AND "SECOND. . .").

C) IN TICK 15 UNDER SAME HEADING (BEGINNING "THIS IS NOT TO SAY...") DELETE LAST PART OF SECOND SENTENCE BEGINNING WITH WORDS "AND THUS DEFINE MORE CLEARLY. . .". SENTENCE

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SHOULD END WITH WORDS "SHARPLY INTO FOCUS."

D) UNDER "B. NEXT STEPS" DELETE WORDS "AND NECESSARY" AT END OF FIRST SENTENCE.

E) UNDER SAME HEADING, IN SECOND TICK, CHANGE SECOND SENTENCE TO READ "THE U.S. RECOGNIZES THAT IT MAY HAVE TO PUT FORWARD ITS OWN IDEAS ON HOW THE GAPS CAN BE BRIDGED." FROM FINAL SENTENCE THIS SAME TICK DELETE WORDS "AND HAS CERTAIN IDEAS IN MIND."

F). ALSO UNDER "B. NEXT STEPS" DELETE TICK THREE IN ITS ENTIRETY. FROM TICK 4 DELETE WORD "ALSO" FROM FIRST SENTENCE, AND DELETE ALL OF SECOND AND THIRD SENTENCES (TICK THUS ENDS WITH WORDS "EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE PARTIES THEMSELVES.").

G) DELETE IN ITS ENTIRETY TICK 16 UNDER "B. NEXT STEPS" (THIS TICK BEGINS "A WORD ABOUT THE QUESTION OF WITH-DRAWAL. . .").

2. FOREGOING DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU SHOULD BE RETICENT IN YOUR TALKS WITH THE SAUDIS AND HUSSEIN IN STATING U.S. POSITION ON WITHDRAWAL AND THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION, BUT I THINK YOU SHOULD DO IT IN MORE GENERAL TERMS. YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT OUR POSITION REMAINS THAT THERE SHOULD

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BE WITHDRAWAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 242, THAT 242 APPLIES TO ALL FRONTS, AND THAT WE WANT A RESOLUTION OF THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION IN ALL ITS ASPECTS. IT WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO MAKE THESE POINTS FORCEFULLY WITH BOTH SAUDIS AND HUSSEIN.
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3. FOR CAIRO: PLEASE BE SURE THAT THIS CABLE INCLUDED IN MATERIAL TAKEN TO ATHERTON AT AIRPORT.

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